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_____ a serious and widespread epidemic of typhoid and cholera has broken out in the Wuhan area. Dysentery is also widespread.

2. The Health Commission, Deputy Commissioner, and heads of the various health departments in the area have been sent to Peking under arrest. It is believed that there will be no public trial, but that the accused will be "reindoctrinated" and eventually reassigned to other areas.
3. Chinese Army troops stationed in the Wuhan area have been affected in large numbers, and Chinese Army medical officers have assumed temporary control.
4. Canton laboratories are on a twenty-four hour shift preparing Veil Felix type vaccines. This type of vaccine is approved by the government health authorities and is used despite the fact that it causes a violent local reaction.
5. New Chinese medical officers (formerly unknown in the area) speaking fluent Russian and accompanied by new USSR medical advisors speaking fluent Chinese, have begun to appear in the Wuhan area. The new USSR medical advisors (there are about 30 of them) wear the Mao Tse Tung uniform and great public emphasis is placed upon the fact that they receive pay equal to that of the Chinese medical officers. However, they have been given their own quarters at the Hankow Russian Club situated at the former Russian concession.

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